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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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- 3C - Ersoy, TA2OM has been active as 3C3CA from Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea since October 2022. His current plans are to stay there for another two months. He uploads his log to Club Log and LoTW on a regular basis.
- 7Q - While "on a missionary effort" to Malawi, Jerry, W1IE and Bill, K4CD will be active as 7Q7WW from 21 June to 3 July. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8 (F/H) on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX NG3K]
- 8R - "Four young ambitious DXers ranging in age from 20 to 25 years old" (namely Sven DJ4MX, Philipp DK6SP, Tomi HA8RT and Jamie M0SDV) will be active from Guyana on 14-24 February 2024 (callsign TBA). They will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY on 160-6 metres. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. See <https://8r-2024.com/> for more information and updates.
- The Northern California DX Foundation will provide \$5,000 in financial support for the expedition, as they "want to encourage the next generation of DXpeditioners". NCDXF wants also "to let any planned DXpedition know that, if they request funding from NCDXF and we provide a grant, we will also underwrite the costs of a younger (ages 20-35) person/s on the trip".
- 9Q - Vlad, OK2WX was expected to be active as 9Q3WX [425DXN 1673]; however, owing to "the dangerous situation" in that province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, he has changed his plans. Now he will be QRV as 9Q2WX, and the new dates are from 20 August to 9 September. Vlad will operate on CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via IZ8CCW. [TNX DX World]
- CE0Y - Look for Manuel, CE0Y/CA3YMR and Leo, CE0Y/CE3KEY to be active from Easter Island (SA-001) on 12-19 June. They will operate SSB and FT8 on 20, 15 and 10 metres.
- CE0Z - A multi-national team (AB5EM, CE1EW, CE1KV, HA1AG, HI3R/NK4DX, N5KO, NP4G, XQ1KZ, XQ3SA and XQ3SK) will be active as CB0ZA from Robinson Crusoe Island (SA-005), Juan Fernandez on 13-20 February 2024. They will be QRV on 160-2 metres using SSB, CW, RTTY, FT8 and EME (6m and 2m). QSL via HA1AG and LoTW. More information and updates will be posted to <https://cb0za.sierranevadaspa.cl/>.
- F - Members of the Radio-Club de Caen will operate special station TM6J from the historic site of the Merville Gun Battery on the eastern flank of "Sword", one of the beaches where the Normandy landings took place on D-Day (6 June 1944). They will be QRV on 6-18 June on 80-6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F6KCZ. [TNX F8REF]
- F - ON6OM, ON6ZV and ON7EG will be active as TM4IPA (maybe also as F/ON4IPA and F/OO6P) from Noirmoutier Island (EU-064) on 17-23 June. They will operate SSB and digital modes on 40-6 metres. QSL via ON6ZV, bureau and direct.

- FP - Once again Eric, KV1J will be active as FP/KV1J from Miquelon Island (NA-032) from 27 June to 11 July, including activity during the Canada Day Contest (1 July) and the IARU HF World Championship. Plans are to operate primarily SSB and FT8, plus some CW, RTTY and FT4, on 80-6 metres, "generally on the highest frequency band open" with a focus 12, 10 and 6m. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS and eQSL, or via home call. Bookmark <http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July23.html> for updates.
- GU - The Guernsey Amateur Radio Society will be running special event station GB5IG on 7-15 July for the XIX NatWest International Island Games, the "Small Islands Mini Olympics". Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB and FT8/FT4, with some CW and some satellite work (QO-100). QSL via LoTW, or direct to GU8ITE. [TNX GU0SUP]
- KH0 - Harry, JG7PSJ will be active again as WH0RU from Saipan (OC-086), Mariana Islands on 21-27 June. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL direct to home call and LoTW (after three months); log-search on <http://jg7psj.starfree.jp/logsearch/wh0ru.php>.
- LX - LX90RTL is a special callsign celebrating the 90th anniversary since Radio Luxembourg made its first long wave broadcast. It will be used by various LX operators from 1 July until the end of the year. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB, CW and digital modes, as well as via satellite. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL on a regular basis. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/LX90RTL> for more information.
- LY - Special callsigns LY1933DG, LY90DG, LY90FLY, LY90SD and LY90SG will be active on 1-31 July to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the ill-fated flight of Lithuanian pilots Steponas Darius and Stasys Girenas. On 15 July 1933 they attempted a nonstop flight from New York City to Kaunas in a small airplane named "Lituanica". After crossing the Atlantic Ocean, they crashed on 17 July when they were only 650 km short of their final destination. Also active will be six special event stations from Poland, and a certificate will be available (see SP below).
- OY - Thomas, DC8TM and Martina, DF3TS will be active as OY/DC8TM and OY/DF3TS from the Faroe Islands (EU-018) from 25 June to 5 July. They will operate SSB and FT8, with plans for SOTA and WWFF activations. QSL via home calls.
- P2 - Giovanni, ZL3SSB (ZL1BRA) will be active as P29VBR from Port Moresby (OC-034), Papua New Guinea on 11-21 June. In his spare time he will operate SSB and FT8 on 10 metres SSB and FT8. QSL direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]
- PJ5 - Look for Peter, PJ5/PA4O and Ad, PJ5/PE6Q to be active from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) on 6-18 July. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-6 metres, and will participate in the IARU HF World Championship as PJ5C. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS.
- SP - Special event stations 3Z90LOT, HF90LOT, SN90LOT, SO90LOT, SP90LOT and SQ90LOT will be active on 1-31 July to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the ill-fated flight of the "Lituanica" (see LY above). See <https://logsp.pzk.org.pl/a/lituanica/> for the certificate and more information.
- T8 - Nobu, JA0JHQ will be active again as T88PB from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 13-19 June, with main activity during the All Asian DX CW

- Contest (17-18 June). QSL via LoTW (preferred) or direct to JA0JHQ.
- TR - Roland, F8EN is again active as TR8CR from Gabon [425DXN 1671] until 12 August. He operates CW only. QSL via F6AJA (direct or bureau); logsearch on <http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php>. [TNX F6AJA]
 - UA - Back in June 1963 Valentina V. Tereshkova became the first-ever woman to have flown in space. Special callsign RU60VT will be active on 16-25 June to commemorate the 60th anniversary of her historic three-day flight on Vostok 6. QSL via RG3M.
 - V7 - Bob, N7XR is active as V7/N7XR from Kwajalein (OC-028), Marshall Islands [425DXN 1671] until 20 June. He operates FT8 and CW, and hopes "to come back for three months starting in September". QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.
 - VP6 - The VP6A operation from Ducie Island (OC-182) [425DXN 1671] is delayed due to bad weather, and the "Magnet" is now expected to reach her destination on 11 or 12 June. Four RIBs (Radio In a Box) will provide a total of five stations capable of 24/7 operation on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and FT8 - see <https://www.qrz.com/db/VP6A> for the band plan. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via HA7RY. Logs will also be uploaded to LoTW as QSLs are ordered, and full log six months after the DXpedition.
 - VP8 - Active from the Falkland Islands during the International Museums Weekends (<https://www.radio-amateur-events.org/IMW/>) will be VP8HDM from the Historic Dockyard Museum in Stanley (17-18 June), and VP8GGM from the Goose Green 1982 War Museum (24-25 June).
 - XV - Previously active as XV2G (June-November 2014), Andrei "Gran" Gromov (UA3AA) has moved to Vietnam on a permanent basis, and is now active as XV9G (<https://xv9g.com/>). For the time being he operates SSB and CW on 40-6 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log, or direct (PayPal preferred, see [qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com) for instructions).

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AMENDMENT TO IOTA RULES ON REMOTE OPERATION ---> "The IOTA Board agreed at its meeting on 25 May 2023 a number of amendments to IOTA Programme Rules B.3.8 and 3.9. Both have been rewritten to clarify whether they refer to contacts made by remote operating at the chaser end or at the island operator end.

The main change at the chaser end is to increase the maximum acceptable distance between the home station and the remote station from 100 kilometres to 500 kilometres (310 statute miles). Both will still need to be located in the same DXCC entity and use of more than one remote site or a network using multiple remote sites will still not be permitted for credit.

The same changes have been made at the activator end, but with the additional one that removes the requirement that the station functioning as the

control should be located also on a qualifying island within the same IOTA group (it would have no IOTA status). The transmitting/receiving station and antennas should always be land-based on the IOTA island to count for credit and, of course, in the same DXCC entity as the control station.

The Board has also agreed an exception to the rules in B.3.6 to B.3.9 that may apply in special circumstances to an expedition operating from an IOTA island by remote operation in a force majeure situation. This is where the target island cannot be activated in the normal way with a land-based operation because the local government refuses permission for an operation from the island or any other islands listed as valid for IOTA in the same group.

The coverage of this exception is very restricted extending only to operations from islands located within an IOTA group credited to less than 20% of total IOTA members included in the 5 years list in the Most Wanted IOTA Groups Annex, or within a DXCC island entity valid for IOTA listed in the Top 20 most wanted in the latest Most Wanted DXCC List.

On production of evidence that this is the case, but that permission would be given for a station to be set up and left on the island unmanned for operation by a sea-based control station for a time-limited period, IOTA Management may agree to accept the operation for IOTA subject to full compliance with its requirements.

These set a maximum distance of 5 kilometres between the land-based station including the transmitter/receiver/antennas and the sea-based control station, and the operation not lasting for more than 30 days". [TNX Roger Balister, G3KMA and the IOTA Board, 5 June 2023]. The full revised text of Rules B.3.8 and B.3.9 can be found on the IOTA website:

<https://www.iota-world.org/info/directory/rules-en.pdf>

MEME APPRECIATION MONTH 2023 ---> This is an amateur radio event by young hams, to celebrate youth culture, "have some fun, use a cool callsign and do a neat activity together" (<https://mememonth.ca/>). The second edition will run between 15 June and 15 August, with announced participating stations from Canada (VB1FLIP, VB3BACON, VB4LLS, VB6WOKE, VC2STONKS, VC7BEPIS and VC9FEMBOY), England (GB0NPC and GB4LLS), France (TM0GUS, TM0NKAS and TM4RIO), Germany (DL0LOL and DL0NGCAT), Netherlands (PD33ZDOGE), Philippines (DZ2NUTS), USA (K0K, K1L, K3K, N1O, N9E, W0W and W4P). A certificate will be available for download on <https://hamawardz.app/>.

QSL VIA LU3IA ---> Alfredo Arcangel Amaro, LU3IA has announced that as of 23 May is the QSL manager for the amateur radio stations at Argentinian bases under the Antarctic Joint Command. These include LU1ZA (Orcadass, South Orkney Islands, AN-008), LU1ZAB (Matienzo, Antarctica, AN-016), LU1ZB (Melchior, Antarctica, AN-012), LU1ZC (Decepcion, South Shetland Islands, AN-010), LU1ZD (San Martin, Antarctica, AN-016), LU1ZG (Belgrano II, Antarctica, AN-016), LU1ZI (Carlini ex Jubany, South Shetland Islands, AN-010), LU1ZR (Petrel, Antarctica, AN-013), LU1ZS (Camara, South Shetland Islands, AN-010), LU1ZV (Esperanza, Antarctica, AN-016), LU2ZD (Primavera, Antarctica, AN-016), LU4ZS (Marambio, Antarctica, AN-013). QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

T31TT ---> The DXpedition has had to be curtailed due to an injury ("twisted ankle, bad one with dislocation") to a boat crew member, who needs urgent medical treatment. T31TT went QRT on 9 June around 00.00 UTC, and the team is returning to Apia, Samoa.

YASME EXCELLENCE AWARD ---> Established in 2008 by the Yasme Foundation (<https://www.yasme.org/>), the Excellence Award is presented to individuals and groups who, through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement, as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper. The latest recipient, announced on 7 June, is Neil Rapp WB9VPG, "in recognition of his many contributions to amateur radio in recruiting, training, and mentoring young operators over the years. The initial school radio club sponsorship, followed by managing the Region 2 YOTA Camps, providing administrative assistance for the camps through non-profit organization, and managing the Hamvention's Ham Radio 2.0 showcase have all made a big impact. Recruiting young operators is key to the survival of amateur radio and his tireless efforts are appreciated". [TNX K4ZW]

YASME FOUNDATION GRANTS ---> The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation has announced that it has made grants of \$5,000 each to the Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) and ARRL Foundation scholarship programs for 2024; IARU Region 1 Youth Working Group, Association des Radio Amateurs Tunisiens, and Ethiopian Amateur Radio Association in support of the 2023 YOTA Summer Camp in Hungary; support for the advancement of amateur radio in South Sudan. [TNX K4ZW]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2AG, 3Y0J, 4L4DX, 9G4X, 9N7AA, AX7GN, BA4TB, BG5UEZ, DU1/SP5APW (OC-092), DU1/SP5APW (OC-244), E51WEG, E6AF, ER3R, FG/F6HMQ, FG5FI, FP/DK7LX, H44MI, J79BH, J8NY, JD1BMH, TO3Z, V26EI, V31MA, VK9DX, VK9NT, VR2XAN, XV1X, YS3CW, Z62NS, ZL2UO.

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